



Mike Vanderboegh dies

Michael Brian Vanderboegh of Pinson, AL, husband, father of three, founder of the Three Percent movement, liberty activist, and political blogger, died on August 10, 2016 after a long battle with cancer.

Mike was known for his citizen journalism and, with David Codrea, first broke the story of the Fast and Furious scandal in December 2010. Most of his current writings can be found online at his blog "Sipsey Street Irregulars," which he started in 2009. His son Matthew has now taken the controls since Mike's passing.

I got to know Mike back in the 1990's when he was heading the 1st Alabama Cavalry Regiment Constitutional Militia. Before we had social media, Mike was busy spreading the word on his findings as an independent investigator of the OKC bombing through his postings in "The John Doe Times". Mike seemed to have an almost unparalleled ability for placing one word in front of another, and his writings gained him much attention from both sides of the spectrum.

There are so many quotes that can be used to give a sense as to the man that was Mike Vanderboegh, but among my favorites are the ones that came straight from the man himself, like the following:

"This is no small thing, to restore a republic after it has fallen into corruption. I have studied history for years and I cannot recall it ever happening. It may be that our task is impossible. Yet, if we do not try then how will we know it can't be done? And if we do not try, it most certainly won't be done. The Founders' Republic, and the larger war for western civilization, will be lost.

But I tell you this: We will not go gently into that bloody collectivist good night. Indeed, we will make with our defiance such a sound as ALL history from that day forward will be forced to note, even if they despise us in the writing of it.

And when we are gone, the scattered, free survivors hiding in the ruins of our once-great republic will sing of our deeds in forbidden songs, tending the flickering flame of individual liberty until it bursts forth again, as it must, generations later. We will live forever, like the Spartans at Thermopylae, in sacred memory."

--Mike Vanderboegh, 1 December 2008

Shortly before Mike died, he donated his papers to the John Hay Library at Brown University in Rhode Island, and they should be available to view after processing, which is expected to be by summer 2017.

In Ron Paul's farewell address to Congress on November 14, 2012, he is quoted as saying "Real patriotism is a willingness to challenge the government when it's wrong". In one very short sentence, that perfectly describes who Mike Vanderboegh was at his core. He was a real patriot indeed.

With our Nyberg Battle Flags at half-mast, we wish you a safe journey home. Mr. Vanderboegh, we will see you again on the other side. Job well-done soldier.

Ken Bliss, III%

Many of Mike's writings and speeches can be found online at:

<http://sipseystreetirregulars.blogspot.com/>
<http://www.constitution.org/okc/jdt.htm>